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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 85

Introduced by Senator Correa

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Quirk-Silva)

February 20, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to the Viet Dzong Human Rights Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 85, as amended, Correa. Viet Dzong Human Rights Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) in the County of Orange as the Viet Dzong Human Rights Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Prior to his death in December 2013, at the age of
2 55 years, Viet Dzong was a recognized musician, songwriter,
3 emcee, community leader, and an ardent voice for freedom, human
4 rights, and democracy, particularly in Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, Viet Dzong was born in Saigon, Vietnam, on
6 September 8, 1958, to a former member of parliament and a school
7 teacher; and

1 WHEREAS, After the end of the Vietnam War, he fled to
2 Singapore before moving to the United States in 1976 and being
3 reunited with his family; and

4 WHEREAS, Drawing strength from his family's refugee
5 experience, Viet Dzung was a champion involved in and leading
6 the Vietnamese American community to honor the Vietnamese
7 culture and to celebrate, defend, and press for freedoms both here
8 and in Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung was instrumental as an organizer and
10 emcee for the annual Black April Commemoration at the Vietnam
11 War Memorial in the City of Westminster to honor United States
12 and South Vietnamese veterans and the soldiers who sacrificed
13 their lives for freedom during the Vietnam War; and

14 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung reached out to and involved thousands
15 of Vietnamese Americans, including performers, singers, students,
16 business owners, religious leaders, and nonprofit leaders, as a daily
17 voice on Radio Bolsa every morning providing news and public
18 service announcements to the largest Vietnamese American
19 community in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung, whose real name was Nguyen Ngoc
21 Hung Dung, was respected in Little Saigon and worldwide for his
22 dedication to the Vietnamese refugee community and his
23 commitment to fighting for human rights, religious freedom, and
24 democracy in Vietnam; and

25 WHEREAS, Thousands of people have been inspired by Viet
26 Dzung's activism, music, and art throughout his meaningful life;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung's life serves as an example of how one
29 person can have a positive impact on those ~~around him or her~~ and
30 in his or her community; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
33 portion of State Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) between Interstate
34 405 and Talbert Avenue in the County of Orange as the Viet Dzung
35 Human Rights Memorial Highway; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
38 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
39 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
2 further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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